

REMARKS

Claims 3-11 and 13-21 are now in the application. Claims 3-11 and 13-21 have been allowed over the prior art. Claims 1, 2 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice to their reentry at some later date such as in a continuation application.

The rejection of Claims 1, 2 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,523,259 to Merchant et al. has been rendered moot by the cancellation of Claims 1, 2 and 12.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication including any extension fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

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